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SUBJECT: MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS

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1. REFTELS, CONCERNING DATES FOR OPENING OF MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON, APPARENTLY CROSSED IN TRANSMISSION. IT WILL BE NOTED FROM REF B THAT MARCOS SPECIFICALLY PROPOSES TALKS IN MARCH, IN CONFORMITY WITH PUBLIC STATEMENT MADE BY SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING HIS VISIT TO MANILA. REF A PROPOSES DATES IN APRIL.

2. IF ASEAN SUMMIT TALKS ARE POSTPONED BECAUSE OF THAI ELECTIONS, APRIL TALKS COULD CONCEIVABLY CONFLICT WITH ASEAN. PHILIPPINES MAY THEREFORE BE RELUCTANT CHANGE TIMING FROM MARCH TO APRIL UNLESS WE CAN PROVIDE COMPELLING RATIONALE FOR SHIFT.

3. PLEASE PROVIDE ME IMMEDIATELY WITH CONVINCING REASONS TO EXPLAIN U.S. DESIRE POSTPONE TALKS FROM MARCH TO APRIL. A SCHEDULE OF CONFLICTING EVENTS CAN BE PROVIDED IN CONFIDENCE TO MARCOS WITH REASONABLE ASSURANCE THAT IT WILL NOT BECOME PUBLIC. SULLIVAN

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